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SUBJECT: PATTERSON KIDNAPPING; SAFEKEEPING OF MRS. PATTERSON'S RANSOM FUNDS

REF: MEXICO 2788

1. DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED THAT MONEY ACQUIRED BY MRS. PATTERSON FOR THE RANSOM OF HER HUSBAND IS APPARENTLY STILL IN THE SAFE OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN HERMOSILLO, UNDER CONDITIONS FAR SHORT OF ADEQUATE FOR ITS SAFEKEEPING. IMPLICATIONS FOR USG SHOULD THIS MONEY BE STOLEN ARE OBVIOUS.

2. DEPARTMENT THEREFORE RECOMMENDS THAT CONGEN HERMOSILLO, OR EMBASSY MEXICO, AS APPROPRIATE, CONTACT BANK HAVING MAJOR BRANCH IN HERMOSILLO WITH THE VIEW TOWARDS HAVING THE MONEY DEPOSITED FOR SAFEKEEPING AND IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE IF REQUIRED. THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE WITH MRS. PATTERSON'S CONCURRENCE AND THE DEPOSIT SHOULD BE IN HER NAME.

3. PLEASE ADVISE IF THE EMBASSY HAS OTHER SUGGESTIONS ON SAFEKEEPING OF THE FUNDS. RUSH

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